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In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1-10 with the attached substitute claims.

In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract of the Invention.

Patent Claims:

1. Seat back (1), particularly the seat back of a rear seat of an automobile, with a mount (4) firmly affixed to the seat back onto which a headrest (2) that is under pressure from a spring (5) when in use position and that is mounted so that it may be swiveled about a horizontal swivel axis (3) to tilt forward against the pressure of a spring (5), and may be fixed in use position against that spring pressure and which folds forward under pressure of the spring (5) when released,

characterized in that

the height of the mount may be adjusted, and engagement is released when the height of the mount (4) is adjusted below a certain level.

2. Seat back as in Claim 1, characterized in that attachment is provided by means of a releasable engagement device that includes an adjustment lever (6) connected to the headrest (2) whose first area (6a) engages in an engagement recess (7a) affixed to the mount under the pressure of a spring (9), and with a second area (6b) shaped to rest against an area (11) affixed to the seat back when the headrest (2) is lowered below a minimum height and for the resulting [extension] of the first area (6a) out from the engagement recess (7a).
3. Seat back as in Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the engagement lever (6) is a two-armed lever that includes the first area (6a) on the end of the first lever arm and the second area (6b) on the end of the second lever arm.
4. Seat back as in Claim 3, characterized in that the locking lever (6) is shaped as an angled lever.
5. Seat back according to at least one of Claims 1 through 4, characterized in that the locking lever (6) may be swiveled about a lever axis (8) parallel to the horizontal swivel axis (3) of the headrest (2).
6. Seat back according to at least one of Claims 1 through 5, characterized in that, when the locking lever (6) is in the alternate position of a first area (6a) of the engagement recess (7a), the locking lever (6) is shaped so as to rest on the stop (7b), and that the headrest (2) is positioned in its forward-most position when the stop is reached.
7. Seat back according to at least one of Claims 1 through 6, characterized in that the spring (5) loading the headrest (2) is a leg spring mounted concentric to the swivel axis (3).
8. Seat back according to at least one of Claims 1 through 7, characterized in that the spring (9) loading the locking lever (6) is a tension spring.
9. Seat back according to at least one of Claims 1 through 8, characterized in that the swivel axis (3) is provided at the upper and lower areas of the headrest (2).

10. Seat back according to at least one of Claims 1 through 9, characterized in that the headrest (2) may be further lowered after it has been lowered to the minimum height setting and has been tilted forward.